

*Licensing agreement to use the Shell Coal Gasification Process is major step forward for Columbiana County facility*

Washington, DC--Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) and Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) applauded the announcement of a new partnership forged between Baard Energy and Shell Oil for the Ohio River Clean Fuel's (ORCF) coal to liquid plant. The agreement allows Baard and the ORCF's coal-to-liquid plant to use Shell's proprietary technology and cutting edge processes to turn coal into liquid fuels suitable for use in jets and trucks.

**"This is wonderful news for our community. This project when completed will have a major economic impact on Northeast Ohio"** Ryan said. **"Construction of the facility alone will result in 4,000 jobs over the four years it will take to complete. After the first full year of operations, the ORCF will generate \$31,000,000 in income for our region."**

**"I'm excited to hear about this new partnership,"** Congressman Charlie Wilson said. **"Each step that brings us closer to a day when we open the Baard Energy Coal to Liquid plant in Wellsville is a welcome accomplishment. Anything I can do to help move this project forward is a top priority."**

ORCF and the Columbiana County Port Authority are expected to construct the coal-to-liquid plant on approximately 650 acres of land next to the Port Authority's intermodal facility. The facility will eventually use approximately six million tons of coal which will create additional jobs and economic development. In respect to the environment, the facility will use technology allowing it to remove mercury, capture and sequester up to 85 percent of the CO<sub>2</sub>, and the gasification process removes almost all acid gases.

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